

Alexandria Gazette.

MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 7, 1896.

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—For this season generally cloudy weather and light showers tonight and Wednesday morning; followed by clearing weather during Wednesday night to fresh southeasterly winds.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—The twenty-sixth annual report of the City Superintendent of public schools, showing the operation of the school for the year ending July 31, has been made to the School Board. In his report Mr. Kemper says: "It is with pride, as well as gratification, that I report satisfactory progress in all departments of school work. The principals and their assistants have, with unabated zeal and most commendable efficiency and fidelity, discharged their duties, and the scholars, with some exceptions, have devoted themselves so earnestly to their studies and behaved so well as to leave nothing for censure."

Your attention is again called to the fact that the number of pupils is annually increasing and, therefore, in order to provide suitable accommodations to meet this increase, it will be absolutely necessary to ask for larger appropriations from the City Council with which to employ additional teachers and purchase the requisite school furniture. In this connection I note with pleasure that you have already directed your finance committee to bring this matter to the attention of the city authorities, and it is hoped they will give speedy heed hereto and furnish the board with ample funds to put the schools on a first class footing and provide for all that may seek to enter. This I am confident our city fathers, recognizing "our public school system as the corner stone of the temple of liberty and the great hope of our civilization," will not fail to do. The schools, taught in the main by the same teachers who have for so many years been identified with the system, are in satisfactory condition, and the past year shows marked improvement in discipline and general efficiency. The teachers, consisting of four principals and twenty-nine assistants, have shown every disposition to work in harmony with the superintendent and have given him cordial co-operation and support in carrying out whatever he has suggested or undertaken for the betterment of the schools.

The course of study adopted when the system was in its infancy has been found inadequate in many respects for the present needs of the schools, and must be revised, if we would attain the best results.

No changes of any importance have occurred during the past year, nor have our necessities required that any should be made in respect of either buildings, or school furniture. We still have only five school buildings—three brick and two frame. The three brick buildings used by the white schools, are in good order, well arranged, well ventilated, and generally kept well cleaned. The two frame buildings, used for the colored schools, while well adapted for school purposes, being old require every year a large expenditure of money to keep them in anything like decent order. Three of the school buildings have large play grounds attached, always kept in good condition. In the matter of desks and other essential school appliances, to which several important additions have been made during the year, there is nothing lacking, all the schools being well equipped in these particulars.

The finances, as usual, have been well managed by our faithful and efficient treasurer and clerk and much has been accomplished in the way of permanent betterments, and yet it is with regret that I note a small deficit.

R. E. LEE CAMP.—A regular monthly meeting of R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, was held at Lee Camp Hall last night. This was the first meeting held by them in their new rooms and the attendance was very large.

Commander Perry presided. Considerable business was transacted, much of it being of a private nature.

Communications were received from the several Confederate organizations in the city, to whom invitations had been sent to occupy the rooms for their future meetings, returning thanks for the same. The thanks of the camp were extended to Mr. Wm. Chaucery for a very pretty marble block for use on the commander's desk, also to Mr. Jos. F. Rogers for a handsome ball box. The camp was also the recipient from one of its members of a gavel made of wood taken from the battlefield of Manassas. A vote of thanks was also tendered to Mr. Dreifus for two spears or lances which had been furnished by Governor Brown, of Georgia, to a regiment of mounted men at the beginning of the war.

A committee was appointed to prepare a resolution of thanks to the Columbia Steam Fire Engine Company for the use of their rooms.

The committee on rooms reported progress made in furnishing the room.

The following committee was appointed to make all the necessary arrangements for the banquet on the night of January 19th, 1897, in celebration of Gen. Lee's birthday: Charles J. Wise, G. Wm. Ramsay, S. C. Boush, E. C. Graham, A. C. Wyckoff.

A committee of three, consisting of Comrades W. A. Smoot, J. O. Adams and P. F. Gorman, was appointed to whom all applications for membership to the Sons of Veterans must be referred.

Commander Perry announced that on next Monday Col. Arthur Herbert would read to the camp.

THE VALLEY TRADE.—On Thursday, December 10, the GAZETTE, will send a special edition for distribution on the line of the Southern Railway from Strasburg to Harrisonburg. The object will be to set forth the inducements offered by Alexandria for the Valley trade—this city affording the most direct and shortest line of railroad, with low rates and favorable prices. Merchants who contemplate entering into competition for the business of that portion of the State and who purpose advertising in the special edition, must have their favors in this office by Wednesday in order that the advertisements may appear next Thursday.

As will be seen by a notice elsewhere Prof. O. C. Cogán will give a slack wire walking performance at Reid's wharf next Thursday evening. Prof. Cogán is a champion performer and will afford entertainment to all who see him.

PASTORS' MEETING.—The pastors of the city, with the superintendents of the various Sabbath schools, held a meeting in the lecture room of the Methodist Protestant Church yesterday afternoon. The object of the meeting was to make arrangements for the holding of a mass meeting in the interest of Sabbath school work. Prof. H. M. Hamill, representing the International Sabbath School Association, will visit this city on the evening of December 22nd, under the auspices of the Virginia Sabbath School Association, and deliver an address. Prof. Hamill is a leader in the Sabbath school work and his coming will present a rare opportunity for obtaining information concerning the world-wide progress of the Sabbath school idea. The association he represents is entirely undenominational and all the Protestant Churches of the city will unite in his reception. It was determined last night to hold the meeting in the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The following committee of arrangements was appointed: Rev. F. T. Benson, chairman; Messrs. John Herndon, K. Kemper, George Darley, Oscar F. Baggett, H. M. Hantzman, M. F. Hobson, J. R. Zimmerman, J. E. Alexander. The committee will hold its first meeting Friday evening at the residence of Mr. Benson, No. 205 north Columbus street.

POLICE COURT.—The following cases were disposed of last night: Egidio Egiziani, arrested by Officer Proctor for conducting business without a license, was fined \$3.

Martha Thomas, colored, charged with abusive language, was dismissed. The following cases were disposed of this morning: Wm. Carney, Wm. Kennedy and John Scallan, arrested by Officers Sherwood and Beach as suspicious characters, were dismissed.

Thomas Minor, colored, arrested by Officers Hall and Arrington for disorderly conduct and abusing and threatening his wife and the police, was fined \$5.

Margie Pendleton, colored, arrested by Officers Wilkinson and Lyles charged with assaulting Alice Kitts, colored, was dismissed.

Alice Kitts, charged with disorderly conduct and with throwing stones at a house, was fined \$5.

Sarah Levi, colored, charged with throwing filth in the street, was fined \$5.

Alphonso Lucien, colored, arrested by Officer Knight as a suspicious character, was dismissed.

Night Report.—Last night was clear and cool. Seven prisoners and fifteen lodgers were at the station house.

PERSONAL.—Miss Ainsley, who has been visiting Mrs. Channing Bolton and the Misses Lyons, in Charlottesville, returned home on Saturday.

Mr. J. P. Clark, who sustained a serious fall some weeks since and broke one of his ribs, is able to be out again.

Mr. Horace Downham has gone to Mexico to accept a position with a mining company there.

Rev. L. L. Williams, of North Carolina, is in the city, the guest of his father-in-law, Maj. J. W. Green.

Mr. French Smoot, who has been confined to his home for the past few days, having suffered a slight stroke of paralysis, is able to be out again.

Mr. J. B. Caton has gone to Richmond on legal business.

Capt. G. A. Mushbach will go to Richmond to-night in reference to military matters.

Mrs. M. S. Barnett received a telegram from Baltimore this morning calling her to the bedside of her son George, who is thought to be dying. Mrs. Barnett and her two daughters, Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Baumgardner, went to Baltimore Sunday thinking Mr. Barnett was better. Mr. Barnett left at 10 o'clock this morning for Baltimore.

FINEE BOTH.—About 2 o'clock this morning Alice Kitts, colored, while exasperated by the green-eyed monster, arose from her bed and proceeded to the house of Sarah Levi, a sable female, on north Fairfax street, where a colored individual named Fisher was being entertained. Alice raised the neighborhood by her bangs on the door, until the Levi woman, unable to bear it, raised the window and dumped the contents of a large slop bucket on her tormentor. Alice then bombarded the house with bricks and was finally arrested by Officers Wilkinson and Lyles. This morning the women were fined \$5 each—one for disorderly conduct, and the other for throwing filth in the street.

CHARTERS.—Judge Norton to day granted a charter to the Charles Schneider Baking Company, the objects of which are to make and sell bread, cakes, &c. The capital stock is to be \$225,000, and Mr. Douglass Stuart is named as the agent in this city. Chas. Schneider, of Washington, is president.

Judge Norton also granted a charter to the Carter Hardware Company, the object of which is to sell builders' general hardware. The capital stock is \$5,000, and Mr. J. B. Caton is named as agent in this city. J. B. Carter, of Washington, is president.

CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY.—Judge C. E. Nicol presiding.—F. S. Elliott, of Philadelphia, was admitted to practice in this court.

H. C. Miner Lithographing Co. vs. J. E. Wagner; G. W. Wagner permitted to file his petition and answer of National Baseball Club filed.

Snowden vs. Windsor; K. Kemper appointed guardian ad litem of infant child of Arthur and Mary Snowden, and Worth Hulshel, administrator, made a party defendant and case referred to J. T. Callahan, commissioner, for report.

CORPORATION COURT.—Judge J. K. M. Norton presiding.—The will of the late Geo. W. Swain was admitted to probate and Mary V. Swain, daughter of the deceased, qualified as executrix. The deceased left his property to his daughter.

The will of Henrietta Fisher was admitted to probate and J. T. Nalls qualified as executor. The deceased left her property to her children.

Administration upon the estate of Martha Boswell, deceased, was committed to N. S. Greenaway.

FELL FROM A TRAIN.—James Seddon Cowden, of Mount Vernon, Fairfax county, a pension office clerk, author of considerable peculiar political economic literature, and generally candidate for Congress in this district on a peculiar platform, fell from the train in Washington yesterday. When near the Long bridge he arose from his seat and went on the platform at Fourteenth street he fell off. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital, where it was discovered that he was not badly injured.

SUPERVISORS.—The County Board of Supervisors met to-day with all the members present. Most of the time was occupied in auditing accounts. The deed of gift for one acre of land, near Fort Myer Heights, on which to erect the proposed new court house, was received from Messrs. G. P. Robinson and D. K. Trimmer and a deed of release of the same land was also received from the Lewis Bergdoll Brewing Co. The deeds will be submitted to the Commonwealth's Attorney for his opinion, after which counsel will be employed to ascertain what interest the county has in the county court house property. An order was entered directing the clerk to submit the deeds to the Commonwealth's Attorney.

The board adjourned until next Tuesday.

A FINE ORGANIZATION.—The Ideals, under the able management of Mr. Jno. A. Himmelsheim, which opened a week's engagement at the Opera House last night, is without question one of the leaders of repertoire. Our theatre-going public can look forward to a week of splendid performance, fine plays presented with special scenery, a number of clever specialty artists and Howson's 20th Century Band and Orchestra of solo musicians, all combined to make up one of the greatest performances ever attempted at popular prices. To-night the company will give a scenic production of the sensational comedy drama, "A Midnight Flood." A dime matinee will be given to-morrow afternoon.

THE PROPOSED SEWER.—The committee on streets met last night and discussed the matter of allowing the U. S. government to construct a sewer from the postoffice building to King street. It was decided to make a proposition that if the government would pay the city the estimated cost of constructing the sewer the city would do the work, charging the government no fee for tapping the King street sewer, and guaranteeing to keep it in repair. Then the city would construct a sewer that could be used by those living along the street.

SLIGHT ACCIDENT.—A cylinder head of the engine of the southbound passenger train on the Southern Railway which left here at 11:10 o'clock to-day blew out when the train was near Cameron run crossing. Word was sent back to this city of the accident and the train proceeded. When Mallow was reached another engine overtook and relieved the disabled engine and the train proceeded on its way after a delay of about 40 minutes.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Nine new cases of diphtheria were reported in Washington yesterday.

The semi-monthly meeting of the City Council will be held to-night.

Alexandria Council, Royal Arcanum, will to-night elect officers for the ensuing year.

The Alexandria German Club has decided to give their next dance on Christmas night.

Special services were held in St. Mary's Church at 9:30 o'clock this morning in celebration of the Immaculate Conception.

Mr. William E. Myers, of Harney, Md., father of Mr. G. M. Myers, of this city, died at his home suddenly yesterday morning of apoplexy.

Col. Cecil Clay, of Washington, will speak at Grace Church to-morrow evening, under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The schooner J. P. Robinson, with 2,600 bushels of corn, arrived here to-day from Machodoc, consigned to Messrs. J. T. & J. G. Beckham.

A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to Walker H. C. Wright, of Hillsdale, and Mary Jane Tates, of Westmoreland county.

In Washington yesterday Judge Cole discharged two grand jurors for talking indiscreetly about matters brought to the attention of the grand jury.

A regular meeting of M. D. Corse Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, will be held to-night at 8 o'clock in the new hall, corner of Fairfax and Prince streets.

Prof. Ford will give a musical entertainment at Trinity Church to-night. He will be assisted by the Leonada Quartette and several ladies of this city. A real treat will be given all who attend.

Dr. J. S. Conrad, of Relay, Md., and ex-president of the Maryland Asylum for the Insane, died yesterday evening at the home of his brother, Professor T. N. Conrad, near Occoquan, aged 88 years.

In his estimate of appropriations submitted to Congress by Secretary Carlisle yesterday there is an item for the construction of a light and fog signal station near Ragged Point, Potomac river, \$20,000.

Mr. Thomas Chaucery was elected vice counselor and Mr. Fred Rogers was appointed chaplain at the meeting of Belle Haven Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., last night. Other business of importance was transacted.

Mr. Samuel Nally and Miss Ida Singenfelder, both of Washington, were quietly married at the parsonage of Trinity M. E. Church last night by Rev. L. J. McDougal. After the ceremony the bride and groom left for Washington.

An amusing trial occurred on Saturday evening at Squire Lovejoy's court. A driver of one of the large wholesale grocery houses had been charged by a young man with maliciously driving into his road cart and breaking the axle. After the squire had heard the version of the accident from the dozen or so witnesses, much to the regret and disappointment of himself as well as his high constable, the case was dismissed because the evidence was so conflicting. Among the witnesses were four of the clerks of a large retail grocery store, whose wheels had to cease when those of justice began to grind.

Mr. Wm. P. Collingsworth, for many years a resident of this city, and a brother of Mr. Thos. Collingsworth, died in Washington yesterday. The deceased was in his 72d year. His remains will be brought here for interment to-morrow evening.

Next Friday will be the 50th anniversary of the departure of the Alexandria company, under command of Capt. M. D. Corse, to take part in the Mexican war.

The weekly drill of the A. L. I. last night was slowly attended.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 7, 1896.

MEMBERS OF ALEXANDRIA COUNCIL, NO. 927, ROYAL ARCANUM.—You are hereby notified to attend the stated meeting of said council to be held in Potomac Hall on TUESDAY EVENING, next, the 8th inst., at 7:30 o'clock. Business, annual election for officers. By order of the Council.

J. E. ALEXANDER, Secretary.

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Woodward & Lothrop,
10th, 11th and F Sts., N. W.

Silk Petticoats for Xmas Gifts.

In plain, changeable, and striped effects, with deep flounces of printed silk, lace, and insertion, &c.

AS SPECIAL VALUES WE NAME:
Striped Silk Petticoats with striped porcelaine lining..... \$4.50
Changeable Silk Petticoats, in all the latest effects..... \$6.00
Changeable and Figured Silk Petticoats; umbrella style..... \$7.50
Tulle Silk Petticoats..... \$10.50
Second floor.

Combination Suits

Consist of vest and drawers in one, and are more convenient and comfortable than the separate garments.

Women's Combination Suits. Usually \$1.25. Each..... 75c
Women's Egyptian Combination Suits; high neck; long sleeves. Usually \$1.00. Each..... 75c
First floor.

Infants' Department

Is showing a very choice line of Long and Short Coats in Broadcloth, Boucle Cloth, Elderdown, Cashmere, Novelty Cloths, Bedford Cord, Lamb's Wool, &c.—rich trimmings of fur, braid, ribbons, and buttons. Each..... \$2.75 to \$10.00.

Second floor.

Corset Special.

Normal Corsets, made of good coutil, heavily boned; two side steels; top finished with embroidery; drab and white.

45c.
REGULAR PRICE 75c.

Second floor.

Photographs on Glass.

Reproductions of popular subjects—copies of the most celebrated European and American oil paintings, "Queen Louise," "St. Cecilia," "Madonna," "Songs Without Words," "Spring," "Ruth," &c., mounted on glass—wire easel back. Three sizes. Each..... 15c, 25c, and 45c.

Third floor.

"Feder's Brush Skirt Protector"

Is conceded to be the best article for this purpose on the market. It will not fray, it does not gather dust, it cleans easily, and lasts longer than the skirt. A competent person will fully explain and illustrate its advantages. We carry a complete stock in forty colors.

First floor.

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Woodward & Lothrop.
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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In Everybody's Mouth

"VIRGINIA."

A COMBINATION
HARD TO BEAT.

HIGH QUALITY.
REASONABLE PRICES.

"THE VIRGINIA CIGAR."

There's a heap of trouble with most 5-cent cigars. You often have complaints about brands running un-even, don't you?

We don't want to make rash promises, but if there's one thing that the "VIRGINIA"

is noted for it is for uniformity of quality and workmanship.

Don't take your chances on everything you see. Don't trust to luck. Just stick to the

"VIRGINIA"

and you will get the best Cigar made for 5 cents, and we challenge the world to produce a better Cigar than

"VIRGINIA"

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B. B. SMITH,

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CHRISTMAS AT DYSON'S BOOKSTORE

means this year, the largest best selected and cheapest stock of Christmas goods ever offered in Alexandria. A whole page of this paper would not be enough to tell of half the pretty things we have. Family, Teachers and Pocket Bibles, Episcopal and Catholic Prayer Books and Hymnals of every church and all styles of binding. Auto and Photo Albums in Leather, Plush and Celluloid, Dressing Cases, Travelling Companions, Shaving Sets, Fancy and Office Inkstands, Fountain Pens, Pocketbooks, Card Cases, Lap Tablets and other Leather Goods. Games, Toys and Bound Books in great numbers largely illustrated and very cheap. Xmas Cards and Calendars by the thousand by far the handsomest we have ever had. Remember we aim to excel in quality of goods and cheapness of price.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BACH-ELOR CLUB will be held at their room on WEDNESDAY EVENING, at 8:30 o'clock. By order of the President

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A FULL supply of Choice Layer and Loose Raisins, Citron, Cleaned Currants, Seeded and Seedless Raisins just received by J. C. MILBURN.

SILKLINE, very pretty to sell at 5c a yard, at

A. C. SLAYMAKERS.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

AN IMMENSE STOCK

—OF—

New Christmas Goods

NOW OPENING.

Nearly every steamer and railroad train leaving New York and Baltimore have a portion of their freight marked for C. M. Adams, Alexandria, Va.

In my experience of 20 years merchandising I have never seen the finer class of goods offered lower than the cheaper makes. We need this half column space to ventilate developments that the people of this city may look for. We start to-day, December 3, 1896, with prices that will almost paralyze everybody. Can we prove this broad assertion?

60 Dozen Corsets

in white, black and drab; sizes 18 to 36; in 10 different styles; prices \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75. Our price for your choice FIFTY CENTS. Early buyers will get the cream. All new goods.

120 Dozen Ladies' Hosiery.

This is one of Hermsdoff's best winter grades. Retail price 45c. Our price TWENTY-FIVE CENTS. No Washington city retail establishment can touch this grade of Hosiery. Our city retail stores may rest in the niche of oblivion during our Christmas business.

Our Christmas ad. will appear in this space December 10.

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FOR THE SEASON.

Sugar-Cured Shoulders, small and bright, 6 1-2c per lb

Corned Shoulders, 6c per lb.

3 lbs. Fresh Pork, chops or roast, 25 cents.

3 lbs. Pure Butchers' Lard, not Western refined, but pure 25c Lard.

Arbuckle's Coffee, 19c per lb.

Boneless Codfish, 5c per lb.

10 lbs. Best Virginia Buckwheat, 25c.

Apples—Greenings, Baldwins and Russets, all hand packed, \$1.40 per bbl. or 15c per peck.

3 lbs. Atmore's Best Mince Meat, 25c.

3 Cans Heavy Syrup Table Peaches, 25c.

New York Burbank Potatoes, 45c per bushel.

ANOTHER LOT OF CHOICE LOUDOUN COUNTY ROLL BUTTER, fresh from the dairy every Tuesday and Friday at 20c per lb.

300 lbs. FRESH ROLL BUTTER, a little light in color, but nice sweet Butter, just the thing for Cake Baking, only 16c per lb., at

W. P. Woolls & Son's,

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Dealers in Groceries, Fresh Meats, Poultry, Eggs, Butter, and Vegetables.

AMUSEMENTS.

HUMOROUS ENTERTAINMENT.

Musical and Literary Recitals by PROFESSOR S. T. FORD, and Others.

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TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 8TH, 1896.

AT 7:45 P. M.

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